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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a one-count indictment¹ charging **RUBEN ALVAREZ, a/k/a Marcos Cotto, a/k/a Marcos Cotto Rivera**, with attempted possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, in violation of 21 United States Code, Section 846. The indictment alleges that on February 26, 2009, RIVERA attempted to possess approximately one kilogram of cocaine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This indictment arose out of an investigation conducted by U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Defendant RIVERA faces a maximum sentence of ten years to life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 8 years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$2,000,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
RUBEN ALVAREZ	Philadelphia, PA	1972

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James R. Pavlock

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